



PROSPERITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communicant Class Schedule

- Week 1 (December 11th) Membership Question 1
THE BAD NEWS
- Week 2 (December 18th) Membership Question 2
THE GOOD NEWS
- Week 3 (January 8th) Membership Question 3
THE LIFESTYLE
- Week 4 (January 15th) Membership Question 4
THE PLACE
- Membership Question 5
THE BODY

Where: Prosperity Gym Fellowship Hall

When: 9:00 – 9:40 AM each Sunday Morning listed above

What to bring: A Bible, a pen or pencil, and completed workbook pages (given week 1)

Why: that our covenant children be able to make a credible profession of faith in Jesus



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Dear Communicant

As young Christians, most of us struggle to put all the pieces together and see the big picture of God's Word. That is why a Communicants Class is so important. Communicants Class is an opportunity to have the Bible's answers to some very important questions: Why did Jesus really come? Why do I need Him? What does it mean to follow Him? What place should the church have in my Christian life and walk?

I'm really looking forward to spending these weeks with you as we think through these questions to ground our commitment to Christ and His people. Should you have any questions during this process please don't hesitate to ask. I will be very glad to work alongside your parents to help you find the answers in Scripture.

In Christ,



Pastor Bruce Brown

MEMBERSHIP QUESTION 1: *The Bad News*

***Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God,
justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?***

I. All true Christians acknowledge that they are _____.

Psalm 51:3-5

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Romans 3:23

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

II. All true Christians acknowledge that they justly deserve _____.

Isaiah 53:6

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

III. All true Christians acknowledge that every sin deserves the _____ and _____ of God.

Genesis 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

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THINK IT THROUGH

Week 1

Each week you will have homework based on a Membership Question or Questions from Sunday's Communicant Class. It is important to remember that you should "Think It Through" based on what the Bible tells us about that particular subject. The reason for this is that the Bible is our only infallible source for learning about God, ourselves, and salvation. It tells us what we need to know about faith and life.

Additionally, please note that the answers for all catechism questions are found in *The Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC)*.

DAY 1 Read Ecclesiastes 7:20 and James 2:10. Read WSC #16 and #82. Are you a sinner? Why or why not?

DAY 2 Read Isaiah 59:1-2 and Romans 7:24. Read WSC #19 and #84. What are the consequences of your sin?

DAY 3 Read Acts 3:19, Ephesians 1:7, I John 1:9, and WSC #85. How can you be forgiven of your sins?

DAY 4 Read Romans 9:14-16, Romans 11:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, and WSC #33. Is there anything you can do to earn your salvation? Why or why not?

DAY 5 Read Psalm 103:10-13, John 3:16-17, Romans 5:1-2, and WSC #20. What does the free gift of salvation mean to you?

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTION 2:

The Good News

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

I. All true Christians acknowledge that Jesus is _____ and _____.

Philippians 2:6-8

6 though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Colossians 2:9

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily...

II. All true Christians acknowledge Christ's _____, and _____.

Genesis 3:15

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

John 6:38

38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

III. All true Christians acknowledge Christ as the _____ of salvation and have _____ in Him.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:11-12

11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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THINK IT THROUGH

Week 2

DAY 1

Read Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 20:28, and WSC #21. Why did Christ become man?

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 1:18, Matthew 1:21, John 3:3, and WSC #25. Why do you need a savior?

DAY 3

Read Jeremiah 10:10a; I Timothy 2:5-6; and WSC #5, #45, and #46. Some false religions claim there are many ways to achieve salvation. Is this true? Why or why not?

DAY 4

Read Romans 8:1-2, Ephesians 1:13-14, and WSC #31. The word 'Gospel' means "good news". What does the good news of the Gospel mean to you?

DAY 5

Read John 1:12, Acts 16:30-31, and WSC #86. Do you trust and believe in Christ as your savior? Why or why not?

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTION 3:

The Lifestyle

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

I. All true Christians resolve to live as _____ of _____.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 5:8

8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

II. All true Christians live as followers of Christ by the _____ of the _____.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

III. All true Christians are _____ in Christ.

Colossians 2:6

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him...

Romans 6:1-4

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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THINK IT THROUGH

Week 3

DAY 1 Read Deuteronomy 11:1, Joshua 22:5, I John 1:5-7, and WSC #1 and #3. According to the Bible, what does it mean to be a follower of Christ?

DAY 2 Read Ephesians 2:10, I John 2:4-6, I John 3:16-19, and WSC # 35. Do you daily ask Christ to make you more like him? Why or why not?

DAY 3 Read Psalm 51:10; Romans 8:26; I Corinthians 10:13; I John 2:15-17; and WSC #87, 98, 106. Think of the sins you struggle with. Why should you pray for the Holy Spirit to continually convict you and help you to resist temptation when you are confronted with these sins?

DAY 4 Read John 13:35, I John 3:9-10, I John 5:1-3, and WSC #39 and #44. Can others look at your life and know you are a follower of Christ? Why or Why not?

DAY 5 Read Romans 12:2, II Corinthians 5:17 and WSC #30 and #90. Give an example of how your life, thoughts, words or actions have changed from before you were a Christian to now?

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTION 4:

The Place

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

I. All true Christians love and are committed to _____.

Psalm 122:1

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

II. All true Christians are committed to _____ in the church.

Psalm 96:9

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Hebrews 10:25

25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

III. All true Christians are committed to _____ the church.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTION 5:

The Body

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

I. All true Christians acknowledge the _____ and _____ of the church.

Galatians 6:1

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of

gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

II. All true Christians pursue personal godliness because they want the church to be _____.

Leviticus 11:44a

44 For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

1 Timothy 3:15

15 If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

III. All true Christians cherish the _____ of the church, and are committed to integrity and forgiveness.

Psalm 133:1

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Colossians 3:13

13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

THINK IT THROUGH

Week 4

DAY 1 Read Romans 8:1, Ephesians 5:1-2 and WSC #36. How did Christ show his love for the church (the body of believers) and why?

DAY 2 Read Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 19:30, Hebrews 10:24-25, and WSC #58 and #59. Should you regularly attend church? Why or why not?

DAY 3 Read Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 13:16; I Peter 4:8-10; and WSC #100, #101, and #102. In what ways can you give, serve and pray for the church?

DAY 4 Read Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 12:6-7, 10-11, James 5:19-20, and WSC #42 and #89. How can God use the church to encourage your spiritual maturity?

DAY 5 Read Ephesians 4:29-32, Philippians 4:8-9, Hebrews 12:14, I Peter 3:8, and WSC #77 and #103. How can you promote purity (holiness), peace and unity within the church? Among your peers? Within your home? In your personal life?

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STEPS TO BECOMING A COMMUNING MEMBER

1. Step One: The Communicant Class

The communicant will attend four Communicant Classes held in the months of December and January, usually during the Sunday School hour. During these sessions an elder representative will explain and discuss the "5 Questions of Church Membership." Attendance for all classes is recommended, however the communicant can make up missed sessions for credit with a parent. The workbook entry for that week should be filled out and turned in with a parent signature. Also, for any missed class an additional note should be given indicating that the missed class was remediated by listening to the recorded version. (www.prosperitypca.com/communicant-class)

2. Step Two: The Session Interview

Once classes conclude, if the communicant wishes to become a communing member of Prosperity, his or her parents may recommend him or her for membership. The parents will schedule an interview with the pastor and a ruling elder. Interviews will be conducted the third and fourth Sunday in January. For the session interview the communicant is asked to complete and submit the *Communicant Personal Testimony (Communicant Workbook page 11)* the day of the interview.

3. Step Three: Becoming a Communing Member

If after the interview, the session determines that the communicant is ready to become a communing member of the church, the communicant may enjoy his or her first communion the last Sunday in January. If after attending the Communicants Class and or interview, the communicant or parent decides he or she is not ready for communing membership he or she may continue the process later without repeating the classes.

5 Questions of Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy? (Page 2)
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? (Page 4)
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? (Page 6)
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? (Page 8)
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? (Page 8)

COMMUNICANT PERSONAL TESTIMONY

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1. All true Christians confess they are sinners. What does it mean to be a sinner?

2. Do you believe you are a sinner? Why or why not?

3. What does it mean to be saved?

4. Do you believe and trust in Christ alone for salvation? If yes, how does this affect your thoughts and actions?

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